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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 67

Introduced by Assembly Member Levine

December 21, 2004

An act to add Section 747 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to energy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 67, as amended, Levine. Energy: rates: report to *the* Legislature.

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical corporations and gas corporations, as defined. Under existing law, a public utility has a duty to serve, including furnishing and maintaining adequate, efficient, just and reasonable service, instrumentalities, equipment, and facilities as are necessary to promote the safety, health, comfort, and convenience of its patrons and the public. Existing law authorizes the commission to fix the rates and charges for every public utility, and requires that those rates and charges be just and reasonable.

This bill would require the president of the commission to annually report to the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature on the costs of programs and activities conducted by ~~each~~ *an* electrical corporation ~~and~~ *or* gas corporation *that have more than a specified number of customers in California*, including activities conducted to comply with their duty to serve.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 747 is added to the Public Utilities
2 Code, to read:
3 747. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that the commission
4 reduce rates for electricity and natural gas to the lowest amount
5 possible ~~while maintaining adequate service.~~
6 (b) The president of the commission shall annually appear
7 before the appropriate policy committees of the Senate and
8 Assembly to report on the costs of programs and activities
9 conducted by each electrical corporation and gas corporation *that*
10 *is subject to this section*, including activities conducted to
11 comply with their duty to serve. The report shall identify, clearly
12 and concisely, all of the following:
13 (1) Each ~~program or activity~~ mandated by statute and its
14 annual cost to ratepayers.
15 (2) Each ~~program or activity~~ mandated by the commission and
16 its annual cost to ratepayers.
17 (3) ~~Electricity~~—*Energy* purchase contract costs and
18 bond-related costs incurred pursuant to Division 27 (commencing
19 with Section 80000) of the Water Code.
20 (4) All other aggregated categories of costs currently
21 recovered in retail rates *as determined by the commission.*
22 (c) *As used in this section, the reporting requirements apply to*
23 *electrical corporations with at least 1,000,000 retail customers*
24 *in California and gas corporations with at least 500,000 retail*
25 *customers in California.*